

# Oklahoma Crop Weather



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## The Dry Spell Continues...

Eighty-seven percent of the topsoil moisture in the State was rated as short to very short and producers are begging for relief from the severely dry conditions. Five of the nine districts recorded no rainfall over the week and out of these, four did not receive any rainfall last week either. Districts within the State range from 1.74 inches to 8.40 inches below normal of precipitation just from September 1 of this year. There were 6.6 days suitable for field work last week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	46	41	13	0
Last Week	32	45	23	0
Last Year	0	1	36	63

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	44	28	0
Last Week	23	40	37	0
Last Year	0	5	68	27

**Small Grains:** Small grains struggled to maintain their current conditions. Although wheat remained mostly good to fair and oats and rye maintained their mostly fair to good standing, conditions dipped slightly over the week. Wheat emergence advanced slightly to 96 percent. Oats planted and emergence made significant strides as both inched ahead of normal. Oats planted reached the two-thirds mark and emergence jumped 6 points to 61 percent complete.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 20, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	4	11	39	43	3
Last Week	3	9	38	45	5
Last Year	0	2	22	53	23
Rye	3	11	43	42	1
Oats	0	27	50	23	0

**Row Crops:** Row crop harvest made good progress with the dry conditions. Sorghum harvest jumped an astonishing 23 points to 81 percent complete. The Panhandle was just under 70 percent harvested for sorghum at week's end and some producers in the area were putting fences around harvested grain sorghum stalks and leaves to use as supplemental pasture for cattle. Soybean harvest was nearly complete after increasing 6 points to 94 percent. Peanuts combined were virtually complete at 98 percent. Cotton harvest was in line with normal at 66 percent complete Statewide.

**Hay:** Alfalfa conditions were rated as mostly good to fair. The sixth cutting of alfalfa reached 68 percent, with progress slowed due to the extremely dry conditions and cooler temperatures.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 20, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	11	41	40	4

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture conditions dropped to mostly fair over the week. Statewide, hay supplies for the rest of the season remained mostly average. However, the East Central and Southeast districts reported hay supplies at 80 and 86 percent below average, respectively.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were mostly good. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Death loss of cattle and livestock insect activity was mostly light. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds were \$119.75 per cwt., a \$1.05 increase from last week. Feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were \$111.12 per cwt., a \$1.35 increase from last week.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 20, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	0	21	75	4
Pasture & Range	13	20	41	24	2

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending November 20, 2005									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat - Emerged	96	95	93	88	Soybeans - Harvested	94	88	76	87
Oats - Seedbed Prepared	93	92	92	94	Peanuts - Combined	98	92	72	81
Planted	66	62	58	61	Cotton - Harvested	66	57	55	66
Emerged	61	55	57	57	Alfalfa - 6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	68	64	45	9
Sorghum - Harvested	81	64	68	84					

**Weather for Week Ending November 20, 2005** - Temperatures ranged from 11 degrees at Boise City on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, to 78 degrees at Idabel on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in five of the nine districts to 0.37 inches in Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 41 degrees at Vinita on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, to 69 degrees at Idabel on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending November 20, 2005							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2005 to November 20, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	57	25	40	0.00	2.29	-1.79	56
West Central	58	27	43	0.00	3.91	-2.83	58
Southwest	60	29	44	0.00	5.78	-1.74	77
North Central	57	27	42	0.00	4.23	-2.95	59
Central	60	30	45	0.01	4.50	-5.14	47
South Central	62	34	47	0.00	5.34	-5.31	50
Northeast	58	32	44	0.28	4.51	-6.31	42
East Central	60	33	46	0.04	3.70	-8.40	31
Southeast	61	34	48	0.37	5.42	-7.49	42

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